

Entry Form

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

_____ Yes! I want to participate in the Tour de Graves.
(\$30.00 registration fee includes t-shirt and box lunch)

_____ I want to purchase additional T-shirts
(\$15.00 each additional shirt)

_____ I cannot participate in this event, but I would like
to make a tax-deductible contribution to the Historic Burying
Grounds Initiative.

Total enclosed : \$ _____

_____ Please send me more information
about Boston's historic cemeteries.

Please make all checks payable to
the Fund for Parks and Recreation
and send to the:

Boston Parks and Recreation Department
1010 Massachusetts Avenue, 3rd Floor
Boston, MA 02118
Attention: Tour de Graves



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Historic Burying
Grounds Initiative
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A 20-MILE BICYCLE TOUR
of BOSTON'S
HISTORIC BURYING GROUNDS

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The Event

Kick off the Halloween season with the **Boston Parks & Recreation Department's Tour de Graves**, a 20-mile bicycle tour of Boston's historic burying grounds. Starting time is **10:00 a.m., Sunday, October 27, 2002**

Entry Fee

A **\$30.00** registration fee is requested. The fee includes a **Tour de Graves** T-Shirt and lunch. Participants are strongly urged to have entry forms mailed by **October 18, 2002** as participation is limited.

The Course

The **Tour de Graves** begins at 10:00 a.m. at the Central Burying Ground on the Boston Common. Some of the sites visited on the day of the tour are:

Central, Boston Common (1754)
South End Burying Ground (1810)
Eliot Burying Ground (1630)
First Church, Jamaica Plain (c. 1780)
Walter Street, Roslindale (1713)
Mount Hope, Mattapan (1852)
Dorchester North, Uphams Corner (1633)
Copp's Hill, North End (1659)



All participants are required to wear bike helmets. Remember to always obey the Rules of the Road, including signaling for turns, obeying traffic lights and stop signs. Do not ride too close to others in the group.

Please travel safely on the road.

The Mission

The proceeds of the **Tour de Graves** go to the **Historic Burying Grounds Initiative**, a non-profit public/private cooperative venture between the Boston Parks & Recreation Department, local neighborhoods and the business community.

The mission of the HBGI is the comprehensive restoration, on-going conservation and heritage interpretation of Boston's historic burying grounds. Since its 1986 master plan, HBGI has completed over \$4 million in preservation projects in its burying grounds. Our updated 1998 master plan points the direction for future projects to save the unique resources in these historic sites.

Education is an integral part of HBGI's endeavor. This educational mission is achieved through innovative public programming and special events. The goal is to help Boston-area residents and visitors gain a greater appreciation, understanding, and respect for these hallowed grounds. The **Tour de Graves** is an exciting recreational and educational opportunity geared to bring bicyclists of all levels and interests together for an afternoon of fun during the peak of fall foliage.

T-Shirts

100% cotton, long-sleeved T-shirts are available with the original **Tour de Graves** logo (featured in the front of this brochure). One T-shirt is included with entry fee. Additional T-shirts can be purchased for \$15 each.

Additional Information

For additional information please contact the Boston Parks and Recreation Department at (617) 635-4505, Ext. 6516, Monday - Friday, 9 am-5 pm. The **Tour de Graves** is a rain or shine event. If in doubt about the weather, please call the HBGI line on the day of the event for recorded instructions.

Boston's Historic Burying Grounds

The City of Boston has the greatest number of burying grounds of any municipality in the United States. Dating as early as 1630, they are some of the oldest and most significant resources in the country. Seven of these sites date from the 1600s, three from the 1700s and six from the 1800s. Additionally, the City's three active cemeteries also date from the 1800s. People come from near and far to visit these cultural landscapes to read the epitaphs, admire the carved artwork, and locate ancestors. Home to more than 16,000 slate and marble markers, Boston's burying grounds contain some of the finest examples of art and iconography in the country.

These sites are the final resting places of such notable figures as Paul Revere, John Hancock, Samuel Adams, Phyllis Wheatley, the victims of the Boston Massacre, the first governor of Massachusetts Bay Colony, John Harvard, and John Eliot. Many of the first families to settle in Boston neighborhoods in the 1600s and 1700s are also interred in these sites.

